

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/560,555

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Celia Chang

Art Unit

1625

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/14/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 10, 13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date attached.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Amended claims.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1625

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a 371 of PCT/EP03/50239.

Applicant's election with traverse of group I in the reply filed on Aug. 14, 2008 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that all (a-1) to (a-8) are cyclic ether which would not be a search burden.

According to the restriction for a species election, if the elected species is novel, additional searches to the extent necessary to determine patentability will be made.

The restriction between the products and method of use were clearly delineated that only those without 112 issues and having the same scope as the elected products will be rejoined. In the instant case, claim 13 is rejoined.

Claims 1-7, 10 and 13 are prosecuted. Claims 11-12 being drawn to the non-elected invention is withdrawn from consideration per 37 CFR 1.142(b).

2. ***Examiner's Amendment***

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephanie A. Barbosa on Nov. 4, 2008.

Claim 1. p.3, lines 3-4, delete the term "sustituents each independently selected from"

Claim 11. canceled.

Claim 12. canceled.

Claim 13. line 1 before the term "hypermotility" insert the term --gastrointestinal--.

3. ***Reason for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are drawn to a small group of compounds wherein the L moiety must contain a terminal phenyl substituted with 1-3 carboxylic acid moiety (hydroxycarbonyl). The closest prior art is found in the US 7,205,410 (national stage of WO00/37461) wherein structural close compounds are found as examples 79-80 (col. 39-40) wherein the terminal phenyl is substituted with a fluorine. No suggestion for modification of the

substituent to a free carboxyl group (see col. 2 lines 43-47). Claims 1-7, 10, and 13 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the art of record are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang, Ph. D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet L. Andres, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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